

\$5,000 and the clerks \$3,500, one of whom is to be attached to each of said courts, except the Supreme Bench, the clerical duties of which are to be discharged by the clerk of the Superior Court.

The report of the committee on public works and corporations, which was made on June 30, was then taken up. It provides for a new election of mayor and city council in Baltimore on the second Wednesday of October next.

Mr. McKaig moved to strike out 1867 and insert 1868.

Mr. Gill took the floor in opposition to the motion to strike out, and gave an expose of the corruption of the municipal government of Baltimore.

Mr. Barnes also opposed the motion.

Mr. Brent deeply sympathized with the gentlemen from Baltimore city in the oppressions to which they were subjected and the manner in which they were plundered, but he did not like this article as reported. They were not here to legislate for the city of Baltimore alone, but for the whole State. He would therefore move to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to amend the article so as to apply to all the cities of the State.

Mr. Kilbourn said it was a part of the business of this Convention to secure the fair expression of the legal voters of the State at all elections, and this very matter was one of the greatest grievances which had conduced to the assembling of this Convention. There was nothing to which this Convention should pay greater heed than this appeal from the wealth and intelligence of the city of Baltimore, and under a new election, if the people who were now in power represented the citizens of Baltimore, they would be re-elected, and so no hardship would be done. If, as stated, the taxes of the city of Baltimore would reach to \$25,000,000, was it not time that some relief should be afforded to those overburdened people?

Mr. Brent withdrew his motion, and the amendment of Mr. McKaig was then rejected.

Section 2 was read and slightly amended.

Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 were read and passed over without amendment.